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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office action of June 1, 2006, having a shortened statutory period of response set to expire on September 1, 2006. Herein on the last page of this paper applicants request a three (3) month extension of time to December 1, 2006 to respond to the Office Action.

I further regard to the Office Action of June 1, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.